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FOR M/MO AND ARA

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SUBJECT: MODE - REQUEST TO REVIEW AND VERIFY MISSION STAFFING

REF: STATE A-2527

1. I HAVE AGAIN EXAMINED THE AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVEL FOR EACH PROGRAM OPERATING IN BOLIVIA UNDER MY AUTHORITY. AT THIS TIME I HAVE NO ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO MADE FOR REDUCTIONS OTHER THAN THOSEALREADY SUBMITTED. SUSEQUENT TO MARCH 31 WE HAVE ABOLISHED THREE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN POSITIONS FOR STATE AND HAVE CONVERTED ONE US POSITION IN USIS TO A LOCALLY HIRED PART-TIME AMERICAN SECRETARY. I SHOULD NOTE THAT IN THE TRANSITION QUARTER AND IN FY 77 THERE MAY BE SOME INCREASES RECOMMENDED FOR DEA AND AID FOR A POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CROP SUBSTITUTION.

2. THE STATISTICAL TABLE ATTACHED TO THE REFERENCE HAS BEEN CHECKED CAREFULLY. A FEW DISCREPANCIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975, WAS 35 RATHER THAN 38. FOREIGN NATIONAL PERSONNEL WERE 47 RATHER THAN 45. OUR FIGURE OF 47 FOREIGN NATIONALS INCLUDES TWO PIT EMPLOYEES. OUR RECORDS ALSO INDICATE THAT THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF US PERSONNEL FOR FY76 WAS 36 RATHER THAN 37. IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW TWO POSITIONS WERE ABOLISHED AND ONE--CONSULAR OFFICER--WAS

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ESTABLISHED. ALSO THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONAL PERSONNEL

WAS 50 AUTHORIZED IN FY76 RATHER THAN 48 BECAUSE OF THE TWO
PIT POSITIONS.

3. THE STATISTICAL TABLE FORWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS
ACCURATE AS TO DIRECT AND INDIRECT-HIRE CONTRACT WORKERS.

4. THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS IN BOLIVIA WAS 129,
CONSISTING OF 59 AID DEPENDENTS, 9 USIS DEPENDENTS, AND 61
STATE DEPENDENTS.

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